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Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application for inventor(s):

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For: SEALING MECHANISM FOR A VESSEL WHEREIN MATERIALS ARE ISOLATED AND STORED AND METHOD TO SEAL THE VESSEL

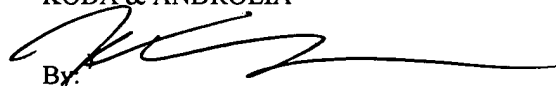
Also enclosed are:

- 7 sheets of drawings
- Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-136860 of May 15, 2003 on which Convention priority is claimed
- Declaration and Power of Attorney
- Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant
- Preliminary Amendment
- An assignment of the invention to NIPPON TANSAN GAS CO., LTD.
- Applicant claims Small Entity Status

CALCULATION OF FEES								
ITEM		TOTAL NO. OF CLAIMS		NO. OF CLAIMS OVER BASE	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		\$ AMOUNT	\$ FEE
A	TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	8	-20	0	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18	\$ 0	
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE*	2	-3	0	LG=\$86 SM=\$43	\$86	\$ 0	
C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)							\$ 0
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE				LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$290 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$145		\$ 0	
E	BASIC FEE				LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$770 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$385		\$ 770	
F	TOTAL FILING FEE (ADD TOTALS FOR LINES C, D, AND E)							\$ 770
G	ASSIGNMENT RECORDING FEE						\$ 40	\$ 40
	*LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1, 6							

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 11-1445. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$ 770 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,
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